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March 16, 2009

The Honorable Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor of the State of Colorado
136 State Capitol
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Governor Ritter:

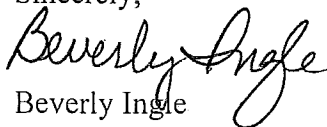
We are pleased to join you, members of the General Assembly, and Colorado's public school community in celebration of today's Supreme Court's decision on SB 07-199, the Colorado Children's Amendment.

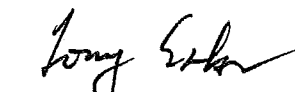
On behalf of the 38,500 members of the Colorado Education Association, we thank you for your leadership in public education funding. We know that you believe, as we do, that investing in the education of our children and youth is the most important thing we can do for the future of our state.

SB 07-199 is a great first step in making public education a top priority in Colorado because it includes expanded opportunities for children to access preschool and kindergarten and signals to our citizens that we are committed to helping all students succeed in school. We are delighted that we will now be able to move forward with implementation of this important law.

Thank you for your extraordinary dedication to Colorado's public schools, and thank you for helping us prepare our students to compete and prosper in a 21st century global economy. Everything builds on this foundation -- and together we must succeed.

Sincerely,


Beverly Ingle
President


Tony Salazar
Executive Director